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TO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS (MFM) IN BUENOS AIRES

REF: BUENOS AIRES 9175

FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

1. YOU SHOULD ADVISE AMBASSADOR FIGUERERO THE WIRE-SERVICE STORIES DATELINED WASHINGTON SUGGESTING THERE WAS THOUGHT HERE OF POSTPONING THE MFM OR MOVING IT TO WASHINGTON TO RUN CONCURRENTLY WITH THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY WERE AS MUCH A SURPRISE AND SHOCK TO US AS TO HIM.

2. I SAID AS MUCH TO ORFILA AT LUNCH ON DECEMBER 18. I ADDED THAT WE WERE PREPARED TO DISCUSS, BUT ONLY IF IT MET THE CONVENIENCE OF THE GOA, THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING
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A VERY ABBREVIATED SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT BA.

SUCH A SESSION WOULD HANDLE THE BUSINESS WHICH THE OASGA CANNOT DELEGATE, INCLUDING ELECTION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND PERHAPS ONE OR TWO OTHER MATTERS. IT MIGHT OCCUR AT THE END OF THE MFM OR DURING A COUPLE OF THE HOURS NOW SET ASIDE FOR THE MFM ITSELF. IN NEITHER CASE WOULD IT DETRACT FROM THE MFM. THIS IDEA IS NOT OURS. IT HAS BEEN OCCASIONALLY FLOATED BY OTHER LATIN DELEGATIONS SEEKING TO CURTAIL THE TIME-CONSUMING ASPECTS OF THE OASGA.

3. RE PARA THREE OF REFTTEL, YOU SHOULD POINT OUT OAS BUDGET IS NOT REPEAT NOT ON THE OASGA AGENDA. 1975 IS THE OFF-YEAR FOR THE OAS BIENNIAL BUDGET CYCLE.

4. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO REITERATE CATEGORICALLY THE FIRM COMMITMENT OF THE U.S. TO HOLDING MFM IN MARCH IN BUENOS AIRES. KISSINGER

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